

CREATING A NEW STATE DOESNT ONLY INVOLVE GRAND, HEROIC EVENTS. IT ALSO COMES DOWN TO THE BUREAUCRATIC DETAILS AND MINUTIA

EVEN TAX FORMS HAD TO BE CREATED! SAMPLES OF NEW FORMS WERE SENT TO PRIME MINISTER DAVID BEN-GURION

ONE ITEM CAUGHT HIS EYE AND BOTHERED HIM

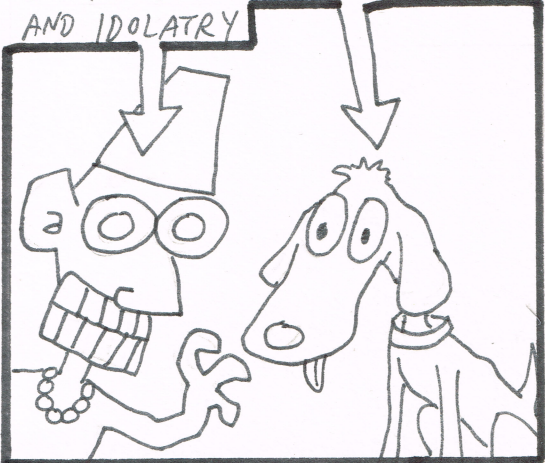


THE LINE FOR "NAME OF HUSBAND/WIFE" READS "BA'AL/ISHA" IN HEBREW!

BEN-GURION SENT A MEMO TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT COMPLAINING THAT THE HEBREW WORD "BA'AL" CONNOTES OWNERSHIP AND IDOLATRY

NOT ONE TO COMPLAIN WITHOUT OFFERING A SOLUTION, HE SUGGESTED "LET US FOLLOW THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET HOSEA"

ISRAEL'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE STATES THAT



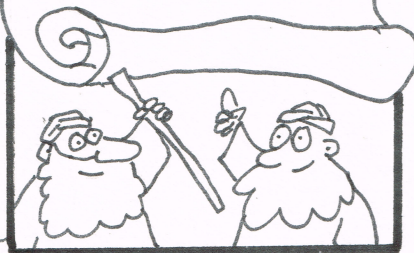
IT WILL COME ABOUT, DECLARES THE LORD, THAT YOU WILL CALL ME ISHI-HUSBAND AND NO LONGER BAALI-MASTER!

IT WILL BE BASED ON FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE, AS ENVISAGED BY THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL! IT WILL GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND CULTURE!

THE WORD DOES NOT CONVEY ENOUGH RESPECT FOR WOMEN!

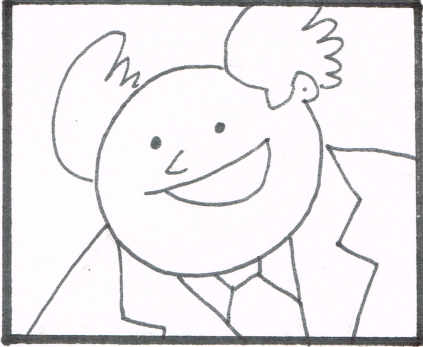


HOSEA 2:18



CAN ALL OF THESE VALUES WORK TOGETHER? CAN THE VALUES OF THE BIBLE WORK WITHIN A MODERN DEMOCRACY? SOME SAY NO

TO BEN-GURION, MODERNITY PRESENTS THE JEWS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STATEHOOD



BASED ON FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE!

BUT FOUNDERS LIKE BEN-GURION WERE SURE OF IT!

IN A WAY THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE TIMES OF HOSEA